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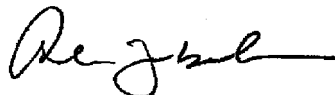
Applicant herein submits a complete listing to account for all claims and respectfully submit the amended claims comply with 37 CFR 1.121. Applicant's comments below provide further clarification regarding claim numbering.

Applicant's 8-18-2003 response to the previous 7-31-2003 office action (Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment) provides remarks detailing the original claim numbering and re-numbering by the Examiner. As Applicant's 8-15-2003 response was still deemed non-compliant, Applicant herein submit numbered claims, indicating that claims 5 -- 7 are cancelled, as suggested in the 8-21-2003 office action.

The present response is being submitted within the one-month shortened statutory period for response to the outstanding Office Action. Applicant hereby authorizes the USPTO to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any other fees necessary to maintain the pendency of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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